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MELLOWING WITH THE YEARS.

To grow old gracefully; to mellow with the years, is a great asset to any individual. Just why age should make individuals 'crusty' where youth is considered, is unbelievable. Youth is not all unmitigated loveliness, we all know. It brings with it the penalty of unexpected embarrassments at times, and perhaps anxious moments as well. But youth is so full of brave hope that all who are older might, held by the spell of its charms, stop at times and take courage themselves. Only in youth is the mind filled with dreams and clear hope. Only youth has faith that blinds to present circumstances. Only the young see all the tomorrows filled with success and love, girdled with a wall well-built on faith. And only youth is blissfully deaf to the grumbled warnings that with love comes heartbreaks; that the price of success is soul-tearing pains; that faith is often deceived and confidence often violated; that tomorrow is a blank prospect that may never be hurdled in the mad race of life; and that walls, however well built, support but an air castle that may crumble at any moment. My glass, filled with succulent buttermilk from a Panhandle Jersey cow source, is lifted in a toast to youth. We need more of it. Why can't we mellow with the years and get more out of life?

Vacancy of 600 Acres May Go Back to State And Save Public Park

Discovery of some 600 acres of 'surplus' land in the 15,000-acre tract comprising the Palo Duro park may yet make it possible for the state to continue a park on the site. Excess land belongs to the state.

The extra land was discovered after a careful survey of the tract was made and the information has been turned over to the state parks board.

The park was abandoned on December 15, when the C. C. S. company was moved off the ground, after state and national park authorities had been unable to obtain a clear title for the state to any

of the acreage. The 15,000-acre tract had been sold to the state on contract, but income from the park had failed to meet the interest obligations and the debt against the land was in excess of \$400,000.

'Our only hope,' in the opinion of Clyde Warwick of Canyon, 'for keeping a park in the Palo Duro is for the state to claim the 600 excess acres which have been discovered. It is my understanding that the state, when vacancies are found, can claim as its land any of the acreage it desires so long as the owner is left with the amount of acreage he originally bought.'

Discovery of the excess acreage came about through a survey made by Jack Trigg of Amarillo. —Amarillo News.

THE REST OF THE RECORD

BY JAMES V. ALLRED Governor of Texas

An enlarged picture of the Land Commissioner's policies emerged last week from the maze of testimony developed before the Senate Investigating Committee.

Evidence was brought out to show that one group, which has been very successful with their bids before the Land Department, had secured leases for small sums of money, usually a dollar an acre, with an agreement from an oil operator to pay them three dollars an acre for part interest where they paid the state only one dollar for the whole. This group of bidders was headed by two men from Burkburnett, another from Oklahoma City, and several others from various parts of Texas.

These successful bidders got one of their own employees a job in the Land Office. This man worked in the Land Office during the time the bids were being received and granted; in fact, he was the receiving clerk. After it was all over, he quit and went back to work for the bidders. They have cut him in on a one hundred thousand dollar oil deal.

One of this group of bidders admitted that they were carrying somebody on their books for a 25% interest. He testified the party was a man by the name of Dawson, but the Senate committee never has been able to locate Dawson. No written record has been introduced,

however, to show that this interest was carried for Dawson.

Some of the newspapers have editorialized that perhaps after all in the award of these leases it was just a question of judgment; that is, whether high cash bids should be accepted, or bids calling for high royalty. These editorials have missed the point entirely.

In private oil business, no one ever turns down high cash payments in favor of high royalties except where it is known positively that oil is present and there is an agreement for immediate development. In nearly all the leases made by the Land Commissioner neither of these elements has existed. That is, we have not known whether or not there was oil; and with one exception, there has been no immediate drilling and development. As pointed out before, only one well has been commenced on State land although some of these leases are over a year old. Thousands of acres have been leased in a number of counties.

It is only necessary to look at a map to see what has been done with these leases. For example, one tract which was leased for \$310 (and on which a well has never been drilled) is offset on one side by actual oil wells and circled on other sides by leases which the Land Commissioner sold for a total of \$458,000 in cash and \$371,000 in oil. The Land Commissioner turned down over a thousand dollars an

acre cash for this one tract of land in favor of a bid for \$310 and three sixteenths royalty.

Thus has the picture emerged from the testimony, with further enlargement due as the committee continues its investigation.

An interior finish of kalsomime is being applied in the J. H. Hurn home by John Henry Crawford this week.

Mrs. W. D. Martin returned home Sunday after spending several days with her daughters, Mrs. Moss and Mrs. Griswold and families at Shamrock, and Mrs. Pruett at Wheeler.

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 By the Apostle

Thrill Attracts Them.
 Sheriff Ernest C. West, jailer at Snow Hill, Maryland advertises an apartment for rent, furnished or unfurnished. When the county built the jail, apartments for rent

were provided for those who like the thrill of such a location. The plan brings in a nice income for the county, rents going readily at a premium.
Mrs. Pennybacker Dies.
 Those of us who recall that red-dish colored Texas History of some 44 years ago may be surprised to know that the author, Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, died just last week. The fall of the Alamo, San Jacinto and many other interesting events recorded in that much loved history book supplied debating subjects for many a Friday afternoon in the rural schools of the early 90's. Mrs. Pennybacker led an eventful life filled with service to the people of her great state. After the death of her husband in 1904, she again entered the school room to support her family. Fourteen years of excellent service was given to the children of Texas. She be-

gan as a teacher at the age of 17 in the early 80's. No more gifted woman ever spoke from public platform in Texas. As a leader in women's club work, her work was praised highly. She served as President of the State Federation of Women's Clubs from 1912 to 1916. But after all, I like her best because she taught me the value of early Texas history when I studied that book with the dark red back away back there in 1896.
 Crematories at each service station along federal highways may be a requirement by law in the near future. The expense of burying those killed on our highways is appalling. Why not save the survivors this extra expense so that they may pay the many other forms of tax so sorely needed to keep up the highways and the expenses of this fast age?

using the same wage length about breakfast time. Darn them yankees!
 A civic club down east has hit upon a new plan for gaining membership. The club bought a shoat. The members drew for lots to get it started, and the unlucky one fell heir to the shoat which he was forced to keep until he got a new member. The old members kept passing the pesky shoat around until the membership was doubled. No, very few, if any, cared to keep the shoat in an apartment. Could a shoat be found in the Panhandle?
Discovers New Deal Bugs.
 Choppers busily engaged the past week in removing black locust in this burg that are to be replaced with Chinese elm have greatly improved the appearance of the little city by removing dead and half dead trees. In speaking of the dead locusts, one fellow said, "them darn New Deal bugs shore air bad on locusts." Questioned further he explained that the New Deal Bugs "taxed" the trees until they ruined the tree's "constitution," hence they just passed out of the picture. Darn that republican!

Priest is paid for his part of the ceremony. Seems to me it should be great. At least he would, it seems to me, deserve more than our, "Three dollars.....Thank you."
JUST REMINISCENT
 By Mary Fennimore Sheppard
 And when it comes—
 I do not want to live too long.
 is not fair,
 That just for the hours of an empty day,
 Should I be—in another's way.
 Late winter, is so bleak,
 For hearts that's left alone—
 When all the thrills of life have fled,
 And all the prayers for unknown space, been said;
 I much prefer
 That I go home.
 No value of importance, would be mine.
 My usefulness, would be out-lived I could no longer hold my own
 In the teeming stream of life,
 O'er which the seasons of the years have sped,
 But now instead,
 Take on a muted tone.

J. L. Upton is recovering nicely from a recent minor operation by a Groom surgeon.
 C. Huffman up at the Home Bakery is enjoying a visit by his mother, who lives at Breckenridge.

HEDLEY

 Mrs. Richmond Bowlin

 Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Osborn and baby of Lefors visited Mr. Osborn's parents, Rev. and Mrs. B. J. Osborn Sunday.
 Mrs. James Spencer and daughter of Borge are house guests of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Hickman.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Hefner also Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Quattlebaum and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Tidrow all of Naylor visited during last week with Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Bowlin, helping to care for Mr. Bowlin who is quite ill, but at this writing is some what improved.
 Mrs. Hensley of Clarendon attended services at The West Baptist church Sunday.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Masterson

left this week, J. B. going to market and Mrs. Masterson going to Dallas to visit her daughters, also to Ardmore, Okla. to visit her mother.
 Mr. and Mrs. John Naylor of Midway visited Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Bowlin.
 Mrs. McPherson and Gunn of McLean spent week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Jamar.
 Mrs. George Thompson and daughters are this week visiting at Quanah, guests of her father, Mr. Speir.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mace of Lelia Lake visited Thursday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Bowlin.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bain of Clarendon were in Hedley Saturday on business.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eads and children of Pampa spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burdine.
 Mrs. George Thompson and Mrs. Hobart Moffett were Memphis visitors Thursday.
 The Church supper Wednesday night at the First Methodist church was well attended altho the weather was rough.

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Owned Popular Mule.
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Just Plain Facts.
 In a burst of honesty, one would be compelled to admit that some of the unhappy things which have been said about the Texas Panhandle during the past few years have at least some foundation of fact. We have had some harsh treatment from nature. On the other hand, no one can lay claim to having caught a cold from dampness.
 The alma mater of many of our most successful business men of the southwest is nothing but a coral.

"A horror that I have never been exposed to is for the people to drag me out of bed at the dark hours of midnight and tell me I had to run for office to save the country." Haston Yazzie stated Saturday while perusing the political column of his favorite weekly.

Nightly Sob Stuff.
 As an old fossil with a mite of curiosity, I'd like to know how these modern-day lovers manage to say goodnight in true heart-felching fashion. They must be taking lessons from these radio announcers who resort to the delicately reluctant, lingering farewell of a Bing Crosby or something just about as soppy.
 What does a pressman think when watching the papers flutter through the process of preparing the news for the cock-eyed public only to discover that a plate has jumped its base, danced a staccato over the form and chewed hunks out of the rollers? Yeh, bo! And what does he say?

Red Cross Aid for Chinks.
 Calls are now being made for Red Cross funds to aid the helpless Chinese, victims of the invading Japs who have robbed, plundered and killed. This request is being made of our people at a time when a part of them are supplying Japan with materials to prolong the war. Not many years ago, this nation gave three million bushels of wheat to China to aid the starving. What did China do? She sold the wheat to Japan at a price far below the regular market and kept the money. At least some of the leading Chinese did. So long as we have half naked, starving whites, their needs should be considered first. And we have plenty of them here in America—the most highly civilized christian nation on the Globe where we produce more food and clothing material than we can find a market for at home. This is a great nation for the fix she's in.

A lot of foregners think our women are wonderful engineers because our papers refer to them as "bridge experts."
 Ima Fizzle says "a daughter should tell her mother everything. The old dear gets a vicious kick out of it."

With all the slush funds raised in the Panhandle, one would think it would become a swamp. Only a part of the contributors are "swamped."
 A lot of folks who have been accusing KGNC radio station at Amarillo of using worn out, obsolete phonograph records, have found out that station wasn't even on the air. It is a Chicago station

We may have progressed some, but our forefathers never would have thought about taxing a voter \$1.75 for the privilege of doing his or her duty. Only eight states require a paid poll tax, and Texas takes the biggest toll of all.

If you ain't paid your poll tax, it's just too blamed late now. If you own real estate, you still have it to pay, but you can't use it. What a law!
 It's 'again' the law for anybody but the state to sell you a worthless slip of paper. The state capitol has no fire escapes which is also 'again' the law. The state can do no wrong. Bring on the darn king! Let's see what he looks like, anyway.
 And the end is not yet.

EXOTIC RITUALS
 By H. V. Crumley

The Russian (Greek) Church places no small stress on the marriage of its members. Although there is much joy, yet all are impressed with and reminded of, the solemnity of the ceremony.
 In the evening of the wedding-day, the bridegroom with a number of his relations and friends, proceed to wait on the bride. The Priest who is to solemnize their nuptials, rides in front of the group on horse back. After being duly congratulated the groom leads the way to a table. Three dishes are at once served up, although no one dares touch them. A seat, at the head of the table is reserved for the groom, and while he is talking with the brides parents, a young man will set in his seat. On finding him there the groom must pay the young man well or he does not receive his place of honor. Naturally he pays. At this point the bride is sent into the room, dressed in her best gown and veiled. A curtain is held between the bride and groom so that they can not steal glances at each other. The bride's hair is then combed and a crown of gold or silver is placed on her head, and at the same time others of the bridesmaids cast hops in front of the company. There is then placed on the table a bowl of oats, hops, barley and small remnants of cloth all mixed to-gether. From this another bridesmaid takes several hands full and strews it over the head of the company. The exchanging of their rings, and strange to say the bride or the groom has nothing to do with the exchanging. It is done by the parents of each.

On coming to the Church building, where the pavement is spread over with silk, and fine cloth the Priest takes their vows, while holding the right hand of the groom and the left hand of the bride. The blessing read, begins with "Increase and Multiply" and ends with the familiar, "Whom God has joined together let no man put asunder." As soon as this is said all the company light tapers and one presents the Priest with a glass of wine, and while he drinks the Newly-weds pledge with him. This being done three times the couple dash their glasses to the pavement and trample them under their feet, denouncing those that might try to part them. At the same time women cast linseed and hemseed over their heads. Thus the ceremony is ended and the couple depart to "live happily ever after."

I have often wondered what the

Finished the scroll, in light and heavy lines—
 Perplexing, as the entangled threads of lace
 No longer mine, the Grand Parade.
 And so 'tis best, that I pass on
 Into that Unknown Space
 For which my prayers were prayed
 With Dignity—and Unafraid.
 Mrs. C. E. Killough is in Fort Worth this week.
 Nelse Robinson and son Dempsey of Wichita Falls were in Clarendon Monday.

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MARTIN

School and Community News

PLEDGE: I shall attempt only those things which I believe to be worth while. To those things I shall give all that I possess of knowledge, ability and courage. If, after giving all of these, I fail to accomplish my purpose, I shall stop and acquire more knowledge, more ability and more courage and return, undaunted to the task at hand.

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SOCIETY REPORTER Maggie Lee Davis	CURRENT EVENT Christine Pittman

Editorial

Half a year gone. Even with most of us possessing that old school kid trait of looking longingly toward spring and the time when school is out, we can't help but look backward once in a while and wonder how time passes so fast.

From our stand point, at least it was a successful banquet. Others made it a success for us. Outstanding talks from men well able in their field of discussion, an exceptionally fine group of entertainers, wonderful dinner and service and a splendid crowd of friends and business associates. We wish to thank

each and every one of you for having hope that you enjoyed our company half as much as we did yours and we invite you to come to see us again. We wish, especially to thank our ladies and girls for their parts in rendering such nice table preparation and service.

And here's a toast to a bigger and better Donley County Teachers Convention. May it become more and more an event and less an obligation.—Editor.

Class Report

Primary Room
The primary room is making Valentines and Valentine posters. They are also making Lincoln's log

cabin in the sand table. ing given us a grand evening. We Geraldine Strapp is our new pupil this week.

Miss Baley was ill the past week and has not been able to make any plans for this week.

Mr. Hartzog's and Mr. McClellan's pupils are very glad to be through with their mid-term exams and all make good grades. They will strive to do better work this last half.

The housekeepers in Mr. Hartzog's room this week are Christine Pittman and Willie Nell Shannon. The firekeepers are Lee Christie and Frank Cannon.

Current Events

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Pittman of Brice visited awhile Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. A. Pittman.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hartzog spent the week-end visiting relatives in Brice.

Maggie Lee Davis having a dress representing the big apple!

Christine Pittman and Kitty Ruth Baley have rhythm in their feet.

Willie Nell Shannon being so crazy over a certain seat in her room.

Society

A group of young people were entertained with a dance at the Fred Easterling home Saturday night.

Lawrence Sullivan and Ruby Hoggan were united in marriage Sunday afternoon.

A Donley County Teacher's-Trustees Banquet was given at the Martin school building last Monday night. There was a large crowd and a splendid program was enjoyed by all. The dinner was also greatly enjoyed. (It seemed to have effected Mr. Hartzog and Mr. McClellan most.)

Sport

All of our time was taken for mid-term exams last week. Therefore there were no ball games, but we are still practicing for the in-

itation tournament at Lelia Lake, Feb. 12, 1938.

Mr. G. W. Kavanaugh, Mr. Hartzog and Mr. McClellan were chaperones for the boys camping trip last Friday night on the McClellan ranch. Everyone reported a very nice time even though their horses did get away.

GERALD C. MANN TO BE CANDIDATE

Man Who Worked His Way Through School Seeks State Office

AUSTIN, Feb. 5.—Former Secretary of State Gerald C. Mann of Dallas today became an active contender for the office of Attorney General of Texas.

Bidding for the State's highest and most important post next to the governorship, Mann definitely announced, in a statement issued here, his candidacy in next summer's Democratic primaries.

His brief announcement was colored with a declaration of war against political racketeering which, he said, has become a disgrace to the State.

"I have never before asked the people of Texas for any office," his statement said. "I have been too busy practicing law and studying the fundamental defects of our state government to run for office.

"It is true that I have held several appointive offices—all unsolicited. But when my work was done and I was satisfied that it had been done well, I resigned to resume my law practice.

"As Secretary of State, I was able to perform a valuable service to the people of Texas by writing a Securities Act to protect innocent investors. The court records will show anyone who cares to investigate how this law has driven from Texas innumerable gangs of highbinders and investment vultures who had regarded our state as a paradise for sucker-hunters, under the old, inadequate Blue Sky law.

"The Legislature thought enough of this act to pass it by a unanimous vote with an emergency clause in May, 1935.

"It is my sincere belief that the people of Texas are getting tired of political racketeers who come to the voters every year with the same moth-eaten bag of political sophistry, legerdemain and hokum. As Attorney General of Texas I shall serve the State in the courts as legal representative of the people and give them the benefit of broad training and wide experience in public duty. Political hypocrisy will have no desk in my office."

Mann enters the race with a varied background of public service and popularity.

As a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee, he now represents Dallas county in the state party organization, but he has held no political post since he returned from Washington in 1936 where, as a special emissary of Texas, he aided in correlating state and federal relief projects. Prior to his appointment as Secretary of State, he served as Assistant Attorney General.

Mann was born in Hopkins county and worked his way through high school and two universities by doing everything from chopping wood to cleaning dormitories. He first attained national fame thirteen years ago at Southern Methodist University. As a star quarterback of the Mustang team, known as the "Little Red Arrow," he became a national football figure.

After receiving his B. A. degree, Mann went to Harvard to complete his law studies, working his way as a shipping clerk in a local factory. When the factory closed down during the depression he tried out for the pulpit of an interdenominational church in a nearby suburb and was called by the congregation. During the remainder of his law course he devoted his Sundays to preaching.

Besides paying his own way, Mann supported a wife and baby. He is now the father of two children, Gerald, Jr., and Lola Ann. Mann said that a complete statement of his campaign policies would be forthcoming later in the Spring.

* GOLDSTON *
* By Johnnie Stewart *

Only thirty-three attended Sunday school Sunday. We had quite a few visitors for singing Sunday night. We always enjoy having visitors, and invite them to come back every time it is convenient.

A. Peggram spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Peggram. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Peggram spent

supper Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Elcheberger. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart of Chamberlain spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Stewart.

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The electric brooder promised to the local department has been received from the Purina Mills and is already in operation. The brooder will be used to brood a demonstration group of baby chicks until they are six weeks of age.

The first of the several hundred chicks to be brooded by the local F.F.A. have been received and are now being brooded out according to correct and scientific principles by local vocational agriculture students.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Elcheberger spent Wednesday in Chamberlain with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Littlefield of Groom spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Neeley Veasey and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Brock visited until bed time Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Gray visited awhile Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Elmore.

Billy, Frances and Ruth Pedan visited Sunday afternoon in the John Stewart home.

Ralph Stewart of Ashtola ate

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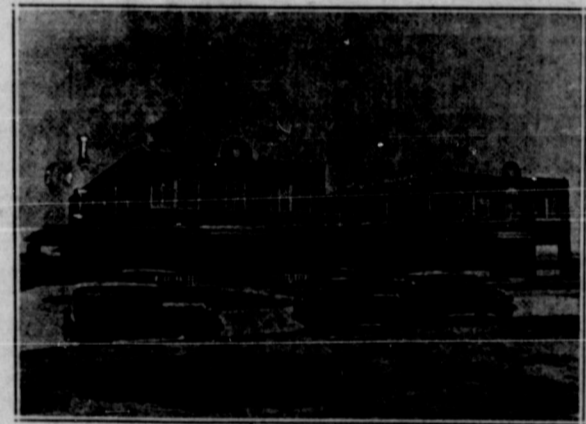
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